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- Fetween 1 and 23 Se tember 1955, the following observations were rade in the Fridericus Fasefne: (2205) in Neuruppin:

  A total of about 70 T-54 tanks were stored in the 4 tank sheds of Unit Dronov. The 4-tank sheds of Unit Foreienko also quartered a total of some 70 T-54s, while some 30 T-54 tanks, 12 JS-1 tanks and 13 JSU-122 past were seen in the 4 sheds of Unit Yusmenkov, formerly Unit Pitrofenov Shepts officer Mitrofenov had been succeeded by Kurrenkov, who was reviously assigned to the unit at the former Wulokow Faters (2500). A total of appreximately 75 T-54 tanks were seen in the tanks steds of Unit Fulkovski.
- 2. Fehind the turret of the T-54 tanks was a wire lattice, which was oved from the outside by a soldier. After the lattice had been revoved, he cylinder block rose from below without any support from outside. It is three soldiers had worked on the rotor for a short time, a Grane truck removed the rotor-lock and replaced it by another rotor which, after a few manipulations, disappears in the hole which was Qubsequently covered with the vire lattice. The lattice was about 1 x 1.5 meters large. The exchange of the rotor took between As and 60 minutes. The tracks of the tanks were exactly 60 cm wide (measured with a folding rult).
- 3. The sheds of Unit Fuikovski quartered 2 track laying vehicles which were described as follows:

  The vehicles were less wider and longer and 50 to 80 cm lower than T-54 tanks: They had 6 logic wheels, I drive wheel, I guide theel and a track, about 35 cm wide, without track supporting rollers. The hull resembled that of an amphibious vehicle. The hull ream plate and the lower front plate slanted in an angle of about 500. In about the middle of the hull roof plate, which appeared to be even, was a turnet similar to that of a T-54 tank. A gun of 50 to 60 cm projected from the turnet. The barrel of the gun was fitted with a rather strong jacket about half of its length. 3

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25X1 It is noted that no T-1/ tanks were observed with the division. 25X1 25X1 It can therefore be assumed that, after the arrival of some 340 T-34 tanks, surplus T-34 tanks were stored. Only a few old tanks had been transferred to other units in the some. On the lasis of the tank types and numbers rentiened in the present report, the tank regiments might be organized as follows: Medium Tank Regt: 2 battalions, each with 35 tanks, plus 2 regimental tanks; tetal 72 tanks; Hv Tanks SP Regt: 1 battalion with 35 T-54 tanks, 1 battalion with heavy tanks and I bettalion with SP guns. The total number of new tanks indicates, however, that this organization cannot be a finel one. It is ressible that a third battalion is planned (or has already been activated) for each medium tank regiment, while the previous Hy Tank SP Regt may be organized into 2 redium tank battalions and 2 battalion with heavy tanks and SP gums. 25X1 House & State . Comment. The short time needed for the exchange of the motorblock tends to indicate that this type of tank can again be ready for employment within 25X1 short time, even when major repair work is mecessary. Comment. This may be a new type of amphibious tank. Vague indications 25X1 of the existence of this type of tank were also reported from deckersis and Leipsig. In mid-July, 18 amphibious tanks 25X1 practiced firing on Lake Dranse at, the Wittatock training 25X1 25X1 25X1

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